

Mr. Speaker, I am extremely pleased to know that the NYU Vascular Anomalies Program offers such as instrumental service to my constituents. The work of this program is greatly beneficial to the residents of my district and I wish the NYU Vascular Anomalies Program all the best in the continuation of its vital services.

HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMAS FOR WORLD WAR II VETERANS

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, October 26, 2000

Mr. LARSON. Mr. Speaker, I wish to commend the World War II Veterans who will be receiving their High School Diplomas at the West Hartford Board of Education on the evening of November 8, 2000, more than 55 years after they originally were supposed to have graduated.

These men all left high school early in order to serve their country in the midst of World War II. They are graduating under the terms and conditions of a recently enacted Connecticut law that allows people who left high school to join the military to be given their official diplomas. As such they have now become certified high school graduates.

These Veterans represent what Tom Brokaw has called "America's Greatest Generation". Raised in the Great Depression, some the children of immigrants, they endured hardship at home but rallied to the causes of patriotism and helped the United States defeat the threat posed by the Axis nations. Upon coming home from the war, they led productive and useful lives. They became skilled workers and businessmen who worked hard in raising their children and providing support to their communities, churches and synagogues. They served their country both in time of war, as well as peace, and we are all better off because of their sacrifices.

Several of them will be joined by their wives, children and grandchildren and other family members and friends for this happy event. While more applications for diplomas are still being processed, the following people have already been certified as High School Graduates under the Connecticut program: Albert Lefkin, Herbert Anderson, Donald J. DesRoches, Robert Douglas Soule, Kenneth William Bassett, Anthony N. Cardillo, Otto D. Vincenzi, Joseph J. Visconti, Edward H. Friedman, and John Robert Clutz.

Others will be honored posthumously and I know that their families will also take delight and comfort over the recognition of their achievements. They are: Agostino Guzzo and William A. Zambrello.

In closing Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend the appreciation of the American people to the fine men who contributed so greatly to the preservation of our freedoms. They deserve our praise and honor. Many of them have participated in the high school and college graduations of their children and grandchildren over the years. However, their own accomplishments are unique and I hope that these self-effacing men will allow themselves and their loved ones to rejoice in the celebration of their own lives. I would like to urge my colleagues in the House to join me in saluting

and thanking the World War II Veterans and official high school graduates. The nation and community has learned and benefited much from you.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. J.C. WATTS, JR.

OF OKLAHOMA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, October 26, 2000

Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be here yesterday due to my father's precarious health situation, and missed Recorded Votes #541 (Providing for the consideration of H.R. 4656, Lake Tahoe Basin School Site Land Conveyance Act), #542 (Motion to suspend the rules and pass H. Con. Res. 414: Relating to the Reestablishment of Representative Government in Afghanistan), and #543 (Motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 4271: The National Science Education Act) on October 24, 2000, and Recorded Vote #545 (On ordering the Previous Question on H. Res. 647: providing for consideration of H.R. 4811, the Foreign Operations Appropriations Conference Report, FY2001) on October 25, 2000.

Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on all of the above motions.

DR. SPENCER FOREMAN AND ANGELA HOUSE

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, October 26, 2000

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, Angela House is a small transitional residence providing homeless women and their young children with support and training in a supporting, home-like setting. A primary goal is to break the cycle of homelessness and to achieve self-sufficiency for these families.

This year Angela House is celebrating its first Award Dinner to raise money to buy permanent quarters for this fine organization. Dr. Spencer Foreman, the President of Montefiore Hospital, is being honored for his work in getting Angela House a building for use as a residence until Angela House can get its own building.

Dr. Foreman has been a health systems executive for nearly 30 years and I can personally attest to the good work he is doing in the Bronx as President of Montefiore Medical Center. Currently he is in the midst of building an up to the minute pediatric hospital to treat the children of the Bronx and nearby Westchester County.

He is a member and past Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Greater New York Hospital Association and the Board of Directors of the League of Voluntary Hospitals.

Under Dr. Foreman Montefiore generously donated a three-story building for use by Angela House in the work it is doing for young women in need. Angela House is one of the many organizations making a concerted effort to solve the problem of homelessness in New York City. It also makes a crucial difference in the future of the children it serves by strengthening the family unit.

Dr. Foreman and Angela House are well matched. Both are doing good work for the Bronx in helping people who are in need. They both contribute so much to making the Bronx a better place to live, work, and raise a family.

COLONEL THOMAS R. FRIERS TO
RETIRE FROM THE UNITED
STATES AIR FORCE ON 31 DE-
CEMBER 2000.

HON. DAVE WELDON

OF FLORIDA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, October 26, 2000

Mr. WELDON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, Colonel Friers' twenty-eight years of service to our nation culminate with his assignment as Commander of the Department of Defense Manned Space Flight Support Office. Prior to entering the service, he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from Clarkson University, New York. He later received a Master of Science degree in Management from Central Missouri State University.

During the course of his Air Force Career, Colonel Friers rose to the level of command pilot accumulating more than 4000 hours of flying time in five fixed and rotary-winged aircraft. Colonel Friers served in a multitude of locations around the world from Vietnam to the Persian Gulf. He served at many levels: DOD Staff, Air Force Headquarters, and Major Command. Colonel Friers was awarded command a remarkable five times. He commanded a detachment, a squadron, a group, a DOD staff agency, and the Air Force's elite Combat Rescue School. He also served as flight examiner, aide to commander, director of command protocol, and chief of rescue division at the major command level.

The decorations from his 28 years of service include the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal with six oak leaf clusters, the Aerial Achievement Medal, and the Joint Service Commendation Medal.

Colonel Friers commanded troops during our nations' triumph in the Persian Gulf. He also commanded during the Khobar Tower bombing, when his 1st Rescue Group lost 19 brave airman.

During good times and bad, Colonel Friers has led with courage and distinction. Like our great national symbol, the eagles of a colonel are well suited to represent the character of this greater leader.

RIESTERER'S BAKERY 70TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Thursday, October 26, 2000

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Riesterer's Bake Shoppe & Cafe on their 70th Anniversary for their commitment and contributions to the Long Island community.

The Riesterer family embodies the spirit of small business with their dedication to service